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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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S I R :

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the following paragraphs:

At page 5, lines 6-7:

One aspect of the present invention is a contents distribution system comprising a requesting device for making a request for distribution of the contents, and a providing device for providing the contents in accordance with said request from said requesting device, characterized in that;

At page 5, lines 20-21:

Another aspect of the present invention is the contents distribution system according to 1st invention, characterized in that if said requesting device makes a request, said specified contents are sent from said contents providing device to said requesting device.

At page 6 (all paragraphs):

Still another aspect of the present invention is the contents distribution system , characterized in that said providing device sends said specified contents to said requesting device.

Still yet another aspect of the present invention is the contents distribution system , characterized in that said conditional information has been stored when said recording medium is purchased.

A further aspect of the present invention is the contents distribution system , characterized in that said conditional information is stored directly in said recording medium by the user.

A still further aspect of the present invention is the contents distribution system, characterized in that the acquisition information for acquiring said specified contents is stored in said recording medium.

A yet further aspect of the present invention is the contents distribution system , characterized in that said acquisition information is sent from said providing device.

At page 7 (all paragraphs):

A still yet further aspect of the present invention is the contents distribution system, characterized in that said acquisition information is the information containing at least one of the billing information of said specified contents, the privilege term information that is the time limit till which said specified contents can be downloaded, and the location information indicating the location at which said specified contents are stored.

An additional aspect of the present invention is the contents distribution system, characterized in that when the same conditional information is sent multiple times from said requesting device, said providing device selects and specifies only the contents different from the previously specified contents.

A still additional aspect of the present invention is the contents distribution system, characterized in that said providing device is capable to interpret said conditional information.

A still yet additional aspect of the present invention is the contents distribution system, characterized in that said recording medium is detachably mounted on said requesting device.

At page 8, lines 3-5:

A supplementary aspect of the present invention is the contents distribution system, characterized in that said recording medium is incorporated into said requesting device.

At page 8, lines 8-9:

A still supplementary aspect of the present invention is a requesting device for making a request for distribution of the contents, comprising:

At page 8, lines 21-22:

A yet supplemental aspect of the present invention is a providing device for providing the contents, comprising:

At page 9, lines 10-11:

A still yet supplemental aspect of the present invention is a recording medium storing the conditional information for selecting the contents, wherein

At pages 9-10, lines 22-23 and page 10, lines 2-3:

Another aspect of the present invention is a medium holding a program and/or the data with which the computer can perform part or all of the functions for said contents distribution system, said requesting device and said providing device, characterized in that said medium can be handled on the computer.

At page 10, lines 5-6 and 10:

Still another aspect of the present invention is an information aggregate which is a program and/or the data with which the computer can perform part or all of the functions for said contents distribution system, said requesting device and said providing device.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 6, 8-9, 10-12 and 16-17 as follows:

6. (Amended) The contents distribution system according to any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the acquisition information for acquiring said specified contents is stored in said recording medium.

8. (Amended) The contents distribution system according to claim 7, characterized in that said acquisition information is the information containing at least one of the billing information of said specified contents, the privilege term information that is the time limit till which said specified contents can be downloaded, and the location information indicating the location at which said specified contents are stored.

9. (Amended) The contents distribution system according to any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that when the same conditional information is sent multiple times from said requesting device, said providing device selects and specifies only the contents different from the previously specified contents.

10. (Amended) The contents distribution system according to any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that said providing device is capable to interpret said conditional information.

11. (Amended) The contents distribution system according to any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that said recording medium is detachably mounted on said requesting device.

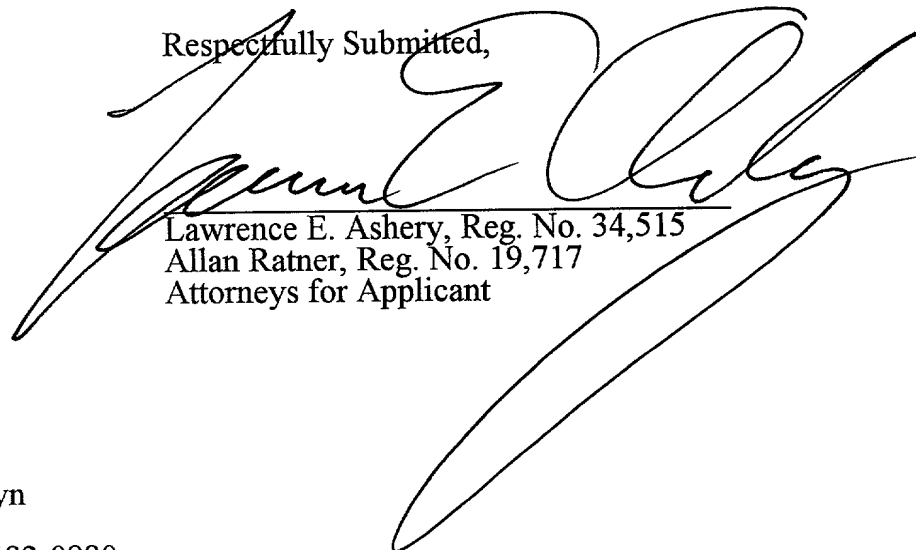
12. (Amended) The contents distribution system according to any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that said recording medium is incorporated into said requesting device.

16. (Amended) A medium holding a program and/or the data with which the computer can perform part or all of the functions for said contents distribution system, said requesting device and said providing device according to any one of claims 1 to 3, or 13-15 characterized in that said medium can be handled on the computer.

17. (Amended) An information aggregate which is a program and/or the data with which the computer can perform part or all of the functions

for said contents distribution system, said requesting device and said providing device according to any one of claims 1 to 3 or 13 to 15.

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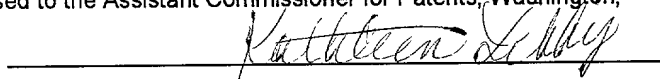
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADESPECIFICATION:

At page 5, lines 6-7:

~~The 1st invention~~One aspect of the present invention(~~corresponding to claim 1~~) is a contents distribution system comprising a requesting device for making a request for distribution of the contents, and a providing device for providing the contents in accordance with said request from said requesting device, characterized in that;

At page 5, lines 20-21:

~~The 2nd invention~~Another aspect of the present invention(~~corresponding to claim 2~~) is the contents distribution system according to 1st invention, characterized in that if said requesting device makes a request, said specified contents are sent from said contents providing device to said requesting device.

At page 6 (all paragraphs):

~~The 3rd invention~~Still another aspect of the present invention(~~corresponding to claim 3~~) is the contents distribution system ~~according to 1st invention~~, characterized in that said providing device sends said specified contents to said requesting device.

~~The 4th invention~~Still yet another aspect of the present invention(~~corresponding to claim 4~~) is the contents distribution system ~~according to any one of 1st to 3rd inventions~~, characterized in that said conditional information has been stored when said recording medium is purchased.

~~The 5th invention~~A further aspect of the present invention(~~corresponding to claim 5~~) is the contents distribution system ~~according to any one of 1st to 3rd inventions~~, characterized in that said conditional information is stored directly in said recording medium by the user.

~~The 6th invention~~A still further aspect of the present invention (~~corresponding to claim 6~~) is the contents distribution system ~~according to any one~~

~~of 1st to 5th inventions~~, characterized in that the acquisition information for acquiring said specified contents is stored in said recording medium.

~~The 7th invention~~ A yet further aspect of the present invention ~~(corresponding to claim 7)~~ is the contents distribution system ~~according to 6th invention~~, characterized in that said acquisition information is sent from said providing device.

At page 7 (all paragraphs):

~~The 8th invention~~ A still yet further aspect of the present invention ~~(corresponding to claim 8)~~ is the contents distribution system ~~according to 7th or 8th inventions~~, characterized in that said acquisition information is the information containing at least one of the billing information of said specified contents, the privilege term information that is the time limit till which said specified contents can be downloaded, and the location information indicating the location at which said specified contents are stored.

~~The 9th invention~~ An additional aspect of the present invention ~~(corresponding to claim 9)~~ is the contents distribution system ~~according to any one of 1st to 8th inventions~~, characterized in that when the same conditional information is sent multiple times from said requesting device, said providing device selects and specifies only the contents different from the previously specified contents.

~~The 10th invention~~ A still additional aspect of the present invention ~~(corresponding to claim 10)~~ is the contents distribution system ~~according to any one of 1st to 9th inventions~~, characterized in that said providing device is capable to interpret said conditional information.

~~The 11th invention~~ A still yet additional aspect of the present invention ~~(corresponding to claim 11)~~ is the contents distribution system ~~according to any one of 1st to 10th inventions~~, characterized in that said recording medium is detachably mounted on said requesting device.

At page 8, lines 3-5:

~~The 12th invention~~ A supplementary aspect of the present invention ~~(corresponding to claim 12)~~ is the contents distribution system ~~according to any~~

~~one of 1st to 10th inventions~~, characterized in that said recording medium is incorporated into said requesting device.

At page 8, lines 8-9:

~~The 13th invention~~ A still supplementary aspect of the present invention (~~corresponding to claim 13~~) is a requesting device for making a request for distribution of the contents, comprising:

At page 8, lines 21-22:

~~The 14th invention~~ A yet supplemental aspect of the present invention (~~corresponding to claim 14~~) is a providing device for providing the contents, comprising:

At page 9, lines 10-11:

~~The 15th invention~~ A still yet supplemental aspect of the present invention (~~corresponding to claim 15~~) is a recording medium storing the conditional information for selecting the contents, wherein

At pages 9-10, lines 22-23 and page 10, lines 2-3:

~~The 16th invention~~ Another aspect of the present invention (~~corresponding to claim 16~~) is a medium holding a program and/or the data with which the computer can perform part or all of the functions for said contents distribution system, said requesting device and said providing device ~~according to any one of 1st to 15th inventions~~, characterized in that said medium can be handled on the computer.

At page 10, lines 5-6 and 10:

~~The 17th invention~~ Still another aspect of the present invention (~~corresponding to claim 17~~) is an information aggregate which is a program and/or the data with which the computer can perform part or all of the functions for said contents distribution system, said requesting device and said providing device ~~according to any one of 1st to 15th inventions~~.



CLAIMS:

6. The contents distribution system according to any one of claims 1 to ~~5~~3, characterized in that the acquisition information for acquiring said specified contents is stored in said recording medium.

8. The contents distribution system according to claim ~~7~~or 8, characterized in that said acquisition information is the information containing at least one of the billing information of said specified contents, the privilege term information that is the time limit till which said specified contents can be downloaded, and the location information indicating the location at which said specified contents are stored.

9. The contents distribution system according to any one of claims 1 to ~~8~~3, characterized in that when the same conditional information is sent multiple times from said requesting device, said providing device selects and specifies only the contents different from the previously specified contents.

10. The contents distribution system according to any one of claims 1 to ~~9~~3, characterized in that said providing device is capable to interpret said conditional information.

11. The contents distribution system according to any one of claims 1 to ~~10~~3, characterized in that said recording medium is detachably mounted on said requesting device.

12. The contents distribution system according to any one of claims 1 to ~~10~~3, characterized in that said recording medium is incorporated into said requesting device.

16. A medium holding a program and/or the data with which the computer can perform part or all of the functions for said contents distribution system, said requesting device and said providing device according to any one of claims 1 to ~~15~~3, or 13-15 characterized in that said medium can be handled on the computer.

17. An information aggregate which is a program and/or the data with which the computer can perform part or all of the functions for said contents distribution system, said requesting device and said providing device according to any one of claims 1 to ~~15~~3 or 13 to 15.